

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, wherein each metal ~~fi~~bre fiber thread has a larger diameter than the metal wire.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, wherein the metal wires are woven together with the metal ~~fi~~bre fiber threads.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 18, wherein the metal wires constitute the warp, and the metal ~~fi~~bre fiber threads constitute the weft of a cloth.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, wherein each metal wire is a monofilament wire.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, wherein the metal wires form a smooth surface.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, further comprising a support layer comprising a plurality of metal wires.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, wherein a metal wire holds the cloth, net or mesh together.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): A method for producing a cloth, net or mesh, especially in accordance with claim 16, **characterised in that** a metal fibre thread (5 to 12) encased in a skin is woven together with a metal wire (2 to 4) to make a cloth, and the skin

is removed subsequently.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 24,  
***characterised in that*** the skin is removed with a liquid.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The method according to either of  
claim 24, ***characterised in that*** the cloth is welded to a solid  
body.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The method according to any of claim  
24, ***characterised in that*** stainless steel is used for the metal  
fibre thread (5 to 12) and for the metal wire (2 to 4).

Claim 28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (currently amended): A cloth, net or mesh made  
from metal comprising:

(a) a plurality of metal wires; and

(b) a plurality of metal fiber threads worked in between the

metal wires, each metal ~~wire~~ fiber thread comprising a bundle of fibers, each fiber having a diameter less than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein a section through the metal ~~fibre~~ fiber thread has more than 100 fibers.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, wherein each fiber has a diameter less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and the section through the metal ~~fibre~~ fiber thread has more than 500 fibers.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 22, wherein each wire in the support layer is a monofilament wire.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 23, wherein the metal wire is a monofilament wire.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A depth filtration sieve comprising a cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29.